

Supplementary
“Control function”
for Reliable Disconnect
across the Bus reset

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To resume from Bus reset (or other similar situations)...

Initiator assigns a “signature” to each ORB to be uniquely identified within the queue. (“signature” is a new definition that replaces “sequence_number”.)

Target needs to maintain the “history log” of ORB execution to avoid duplicated execution of the same operation request (identified by “signature”).

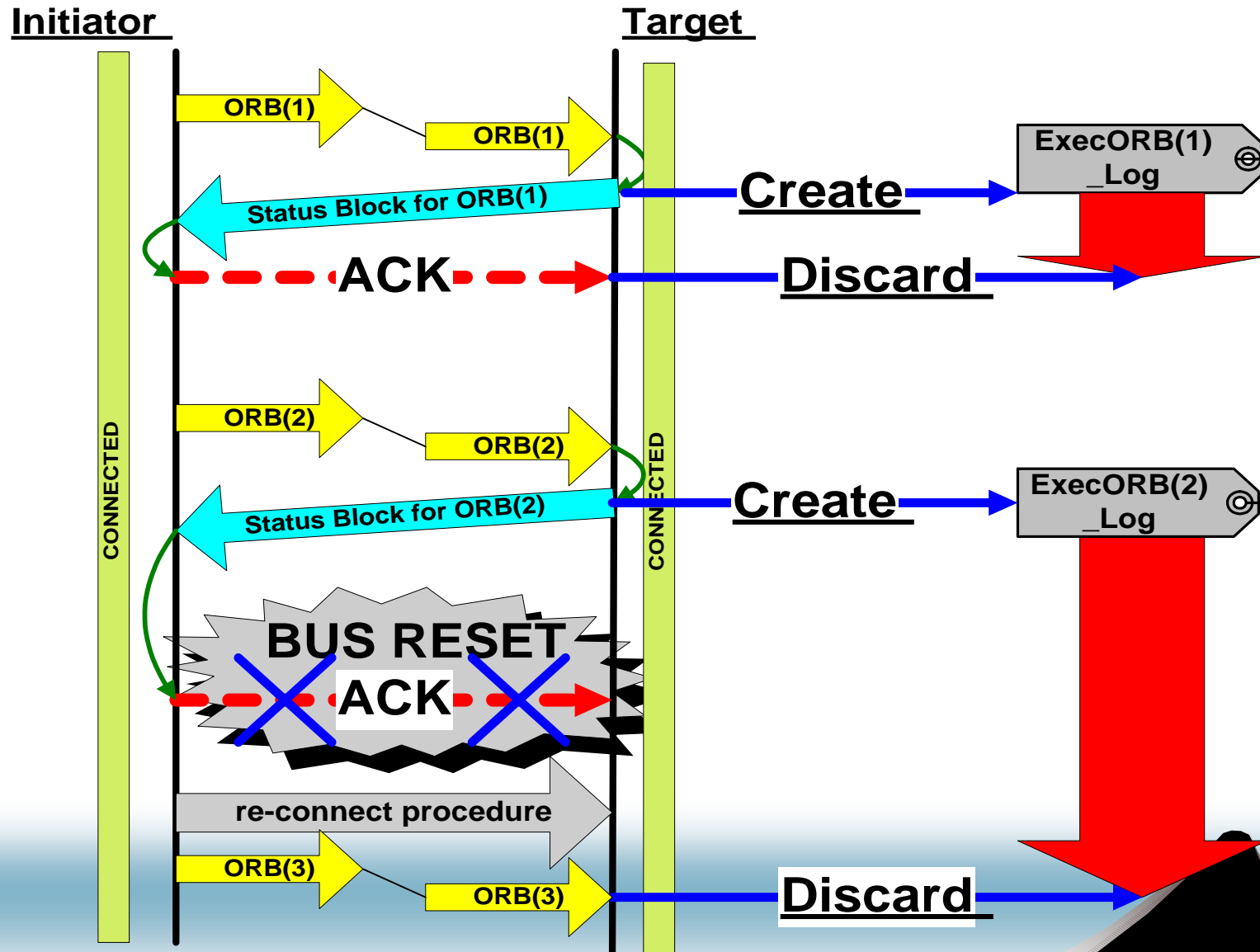
The “history log” of ORB execution is...

- ▲ created before Target stores the Status Block for the ORB.
- ▲ discarded after target knows that the ORB will never be re-queued by the initiator.

How does target know the ORB will never be re-queued by the initiator?

- ▲ By receiving the response subaction for Status Block write request.
- ▲ Or by finding new “signature” in case that the response subaction for Status Block write request is missed.
- ▲ (Or logged out)

The "history log" and its lifetime..



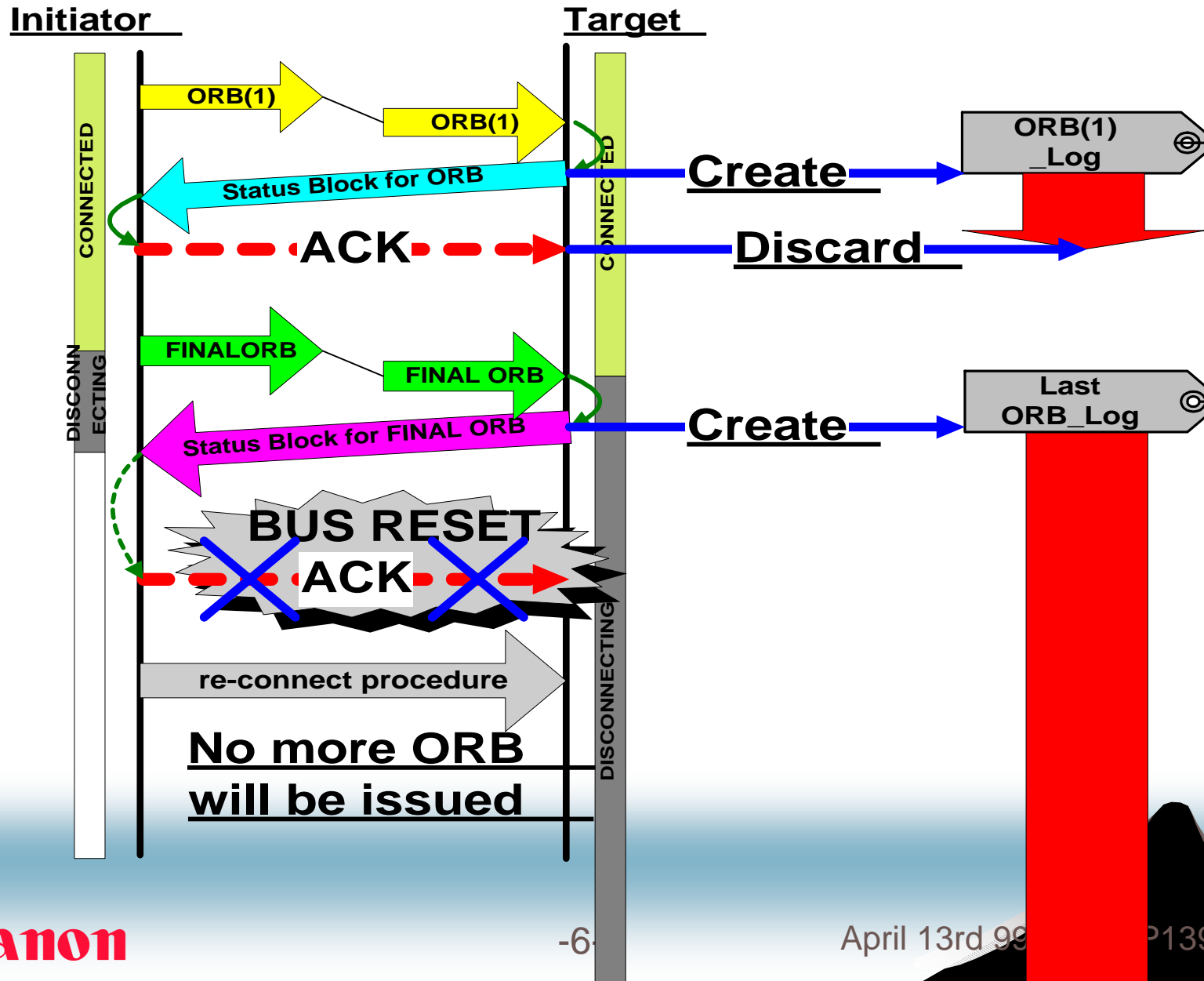
“Disconnect” needs to be improved to tolerate bus reset.

- ▲ Disconnection of a queue implies the existence of last (final) ORB for the queue.(i.e., There will be an ORB that no succeeding ORB for the queue exists.)

Problem

- ▲ In case that the response subaction for the “last” status block write request is missed, target can not know that the ORB will never be re-queued by the initiator because the target receives neither response subaction nor new signature .
 - ->Target still maintains the “history log” though Initiator will never re-queue the ORB

The problem



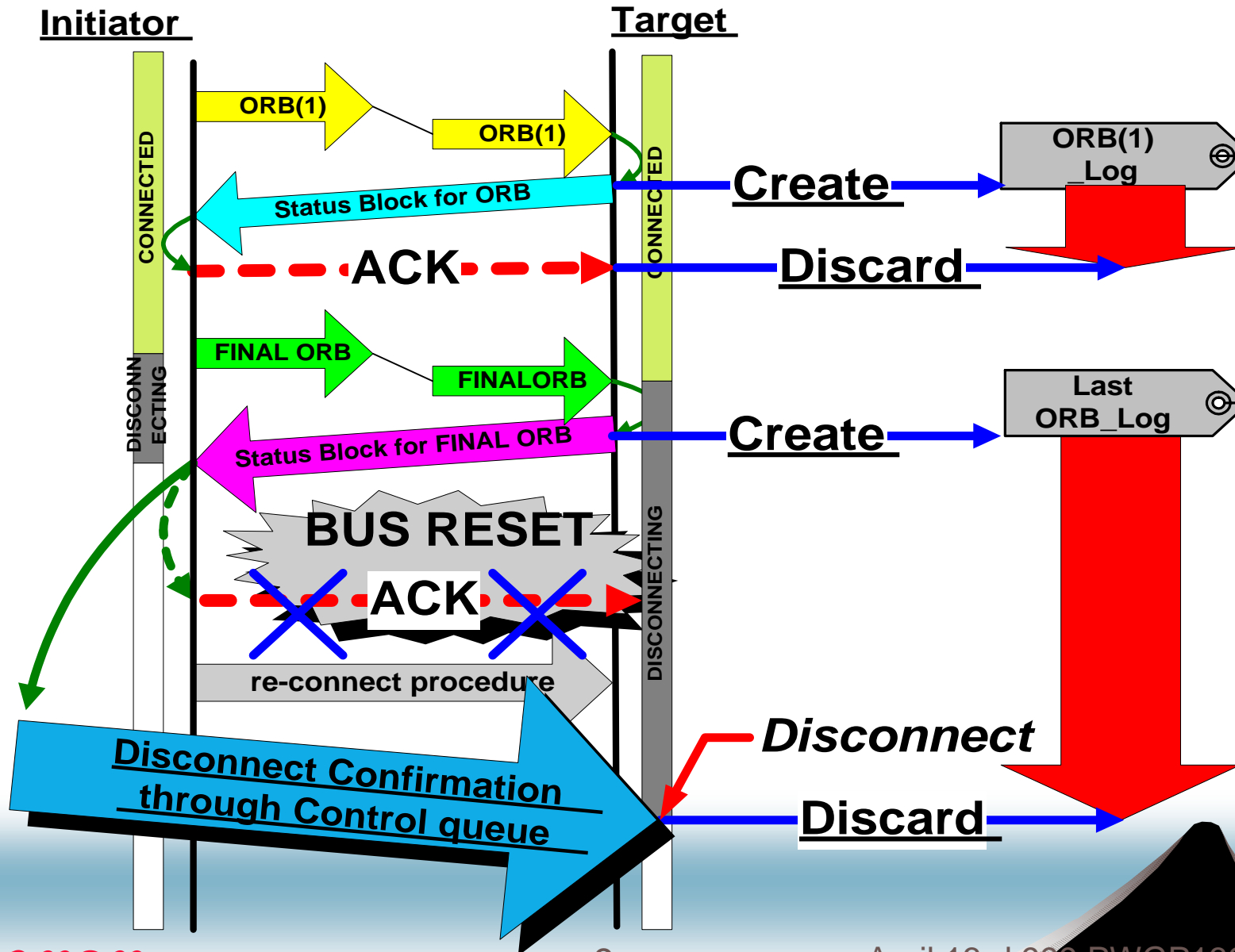
To solve the problem..

- ▲ Initiator informs target that Initiator will never re-queue the Final ORB by an “explicit” way (should tolerate the Bus reset) .
 - **Initiator can inform target of it through the “Control queue” that has been already defined.**
 - Note: The information can not be passed through “the disconnecting queue”
- ▲ Proposal
 - Define **“Disconnect confirmation”**
 - as one of control functions to solve the problem

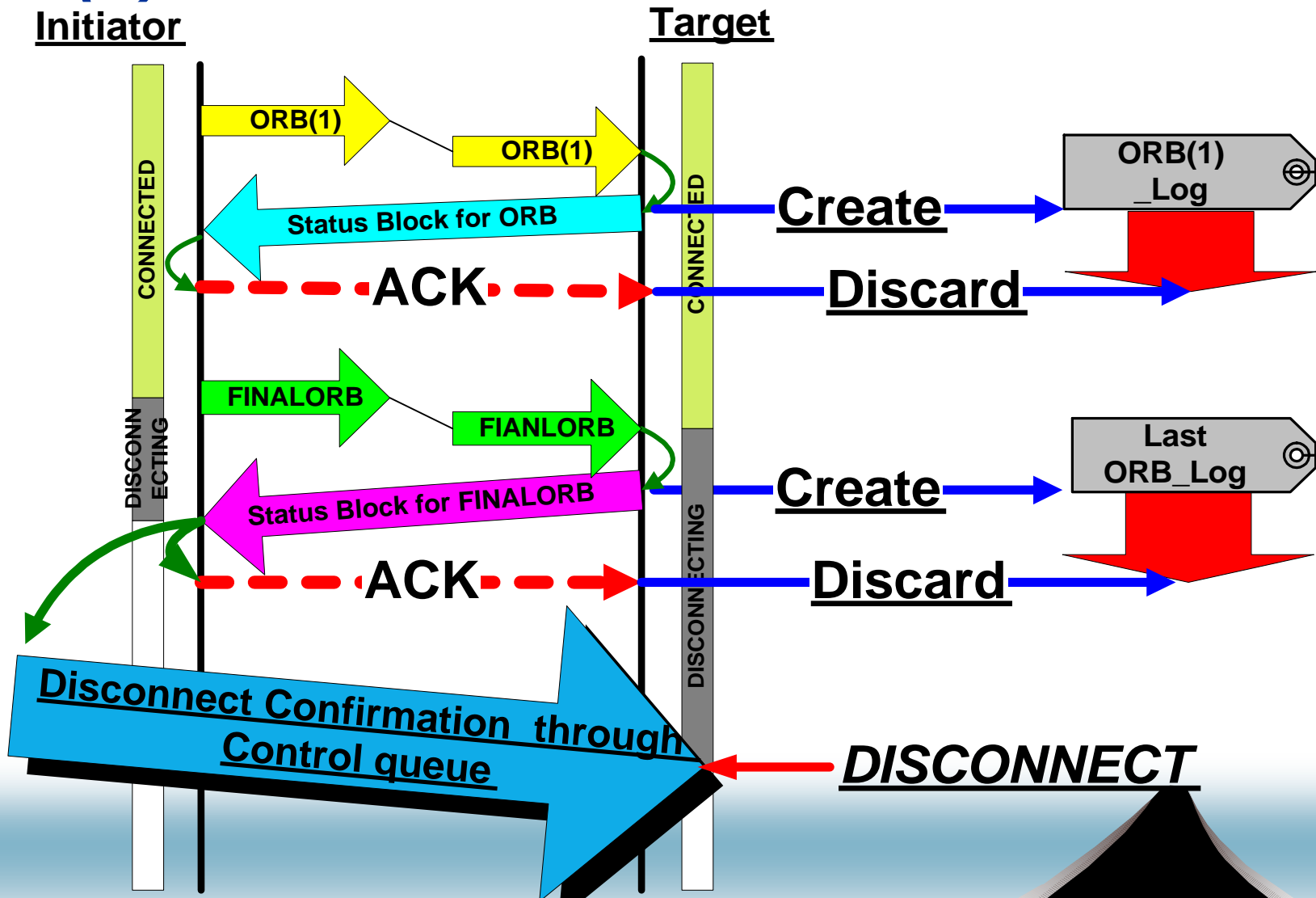
“Disconnect Confirmation” ...

- ▲ One of the “Control information”s *with one or two parameters specifying confirming queue Id(s)*
- ▲ Initiator issues this “Control information” after confirming final ORB is completed
 - Note: target does not issue this control information
- ▲ Receiving this “Control information”, *Target may re-use the queue Id(s) specified by the parameter(s).*
- ▲ *Target ignores this “Control information” when the specified queue(s) is not in disconnecting state.*

How the disconnect confirmation works.



How the disconnect confirmation works(2)..



Conclusion...

- ▲ Some complementary mechanism will be required to complete the disconnection of a queue reliably across the Bus reset
- ▲ “Disconnect confirmation” will solve the problem.